

Congratulations! Now you can crochet your very own Free Ewe-Gene Black Sheep Wool Toy!

This pattern uses Double Loop Crochet stitches, if you haven't done them before I suggest going to YouTube and watch a few tutorials. Also the Double Loop Crochet stitches can seem hard to begin with but once you are a few rows in it will become second nature and they make it really fluffy and snuggly. Double loop stitches can be time consuming, if you are low on time I suggest you switch the double loop crochet to Double crochet (single crochet for US crocheters) for its body, you won't get the super cuddly feel but it will be completed faster. Leave the hair in double loop though as its the perfect finishing touch.



ABBREVIATIONS:

- DC = Double Crochet Stitch
(For this tutorial we are using UK stitches, switch DC to SC for US Crocheters)
- INC = DC 2 into indicated stitch
- DEC = DC next 2 stitches together
- DLC = Double Loop Crochet
- DLINC = Double Loop 2 into indicated stitch
- DLDEC = Double Loop next 2 stitches together
- CH = Chain

WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- Size 4mm & 3mm crochet hook
(everything is done with the 4mm hook except the black iris of the eyes)
- Stylecraft Life DK Yarn. Black & Silver Grey
(a very small amount of white DK yarn for the white eyes)
- Tapestry Needle
- Stitch Markers
- Soft Stuffing



LAMBS HEAD (SILVER GREY YARN):

Magic Loop

R1	DC6 into loop and tighten the loop
R2	[INC] 6x (12sts)
R3	[DC, INC] 6x (18sts)
R4	[DC2, INC] 6x (24sts)
R5	[DC3, INC] 6x (30sts)
R6	[DC4, INC] 6x (36sts)
R7	[DC5, INC] 6x (42sts)
R8	[DC6, INC] 6x (48sts)
R9-R11(3 rows)	[DC] across (48sts)
R12	[DC7, INC] 6x (54sts)
R13-R14(2 rows)	[DC] across (54sts)

R15	[DC8, INC] 6x (60sts)
R16	[DC] across (60sts)
R17	[DC8, DEC] 6x (54sts)
R18	[DC] across (54sts)
R19	[DC7, DEC] 6x (48sts)
R20	[DC] across (48sts)
R21	[DC6, DEC] 6x (42sts)
R22	[DC] across (42sts)
R23	[DC5, DEC] 6x (36sts)
R24-R28(5 rows)	[DC] across (36sts)
R29	[DC4, DEC] 6x (30sts)

Now break the yarn, leave enough yarn to attach to the body.

* Tip: wait until you have crocheted the eyes and stitched on before stuffing.

LAMBS EARS X2 (SILVER GREY YARN):

Magic Loop

R1	DC6 into loop and tighten the loop
R2	[DC] across (6sts)
R3	[INC] 6x (12sts)
R4	[DC] across (12sts)
R5	[DC, INC] 6x (18sts)
R6-R7(2 rows)	[DC] across (18sts)
R8	[DC2, INC] 6x (24sts)

R9	[DC3, INC] 6x (30sts)
R10	[DC3, DEC] 6x (24sts)
R11	[DC] across (24sts)
R12	[DC2, DEC] 6x (18sts)
R13-R14(2 rows)	[DC] across (18sts)
R15	[DC1, DEC] 6x (12sts)
R16	[DC] across (12sts)

Now break the yarn, leave enough yarn to attach to head.

LAMBS ARMS X2 (SILVER GREY YARN):

Magic Loop

R1	DC6 into loop and tighten the loop
R2	[INC] 6x (12sts)
R3	[DC, INC] 6x (18sts)
R4	[DC2, INC] 6x (24sts)
R5-R7(3 rows)	[DC] across (24sts)
R8	[DC2, DEC] 6x (18sts)
R9-R18(10 rows)	[DC] across (18sts)

Now break the yarn, leave enough yarn to attach to body.

LAMBS LEGS X2 (SILVER GREY YARN):

Magic Loop

R1	DC6 into loop and tighten the loop
R2	[INC] 6x (12sts)
R3	[DC, INC] 6x (18sts)
R4	[DC2, INC] 6x (24sts)
R5-R7(3 rows)	[DC] across (24sts)
R8	[DC3, INC] 6x (30sts)
R9-R10(2 rows)	[DC] across (30sts)
R11	[DC3, DEC] 6x (24sts)
R12	[DC] across (24sts)
R13	[DC2, DEC] 6x (18sts)
R14-R28(15 rows)	[DC] across (18sts)

Now break the yarn, leave enough yarn to attach to body.



LAMBS WHITE EYES X2 (WHITE YARN):

Magic Loop

- R1 DC6 into loop and tighten the loop
- R2 [INC] 6x (12sts)
- R3-R5(3 rows) [DC] across (12sts)

Now break the yarn

LAMBS GREY EYES LIDS X2 (SILVER GREY YARN):

Magic Loop

- R1 DC6 into loop and tighten the loop
- R2 [INC] 6x (12sts)
- R3 [DC, INC] 6x (18sts)
- R4-R6(3 rows) [DC] across (18sts)

Now break the yarn



LAMBS BLACK IRIS X2 *3mm HOOK (BLACK YARN):

Magic Loop

- R1 DC6 into loop and tighten the loop
- R2 [INC] 6x (12sts)

Now break the yarn

If you look at the images above each separate piece needs to be sewed together, sew them securely before attaching them to the head. Sew the black iris so it just rests at the top of the white of the eye and then stitch the grey lid over the iris and the white of the eye.

Now its time to do the Double Loop Crochet for the body and the hair.

As discussed before, have a look at some YouTube tutorials (just search Double Loop Crochet). For the last rows we switch to DC to ensure he sits down easily.

LAMBS BODY (BLACK YARN):

- R1 CH30, slip stitch into first chain to create loop
- R2-R3(2 rows) [DLC] across (30sts)
- R5 [DLC4, DLINC] 6x (36sts)
- R6 [DLC5, DLINC] 6x (42sts)
- R7 [DLC6, DLINC] 6x (48sts)
- R8 [DLC7, DLINC] 6x (54sts)
- R9-R23(15 rows) [DLC] across (54sts)

Now switch to DC

- R18 [DC7, DEC] 6x (48sts)
- R19 [DC6, DEC] 6x (42sts)
- R20 [DC5, DEC] 6x (36sts)
- R21 [DC4, DEC] 6x (30sts)
- R22 [DC3, DEC] 6x (24sts)
- R23 [DC2, DEC] 6x (18sts)
- R24 [DC1, DEC] 6x (12sts)
- R24 [DEC] 6x (6sts)
- R24 [DEC] 3x (3sts)

Now break the yarn.

LAMBS HAIR (BLACK YARN):

R1	CH30, slip stitch into first chain to create loop	R8	[DLC1, DLDEC] 6x (12sts)
R2-R5(4rows)	[DLC] across (30sts)	R9	[DLDEC] 6x (6sts)
R6	[DLC3, DLDEC] 6x (24sts)	R10	[DLDEC] 3x (3sts)
R7	[DLC2, DLDEC] 6x (18sts)		

Now break the yarn.

Now its time to put them all together.

Its quite hard to attach the double loop crochet sections but power through as it will be worth it, I'm not the best at sewing so I am sure you'll be able to do it much better than me.

Below is what all the pieces look like before stuffing and sewing together. I started on the head, once the eyes were sewn together I used pins to place it on the head (before stuffing) and attached them securely. I also added a little embroidered nose/mouth, luckily as it is only three straight lines it was quite easy to achieve and then began stuffing the head quite firmly. Then I added the ears and finally the top of the hair.

The rest of the body is quite easy to attach, once stuffed just use pins to secure each section into place and once you're happy attach them together.



Congratulations, you now have your own Black Sheep Wool Ewe-Gene Lamb, now you can snuggle with him or he can just cheer you on whilst your crocheting up lots of wonderful things. For more patterns like this, visit HappyCrocheting.co.uk

